

Commissioners,

I would like to have the Commission support elimination of the Morse Code requirement for amateur licenses. Hams who wish to continue this activity can do so, but for America's best interest it is time to move forward. Growing the ranks of amateur radio operators and stations could benefit emergency communications far more than maintaining the status quo and its limited number. As a percentage of population compared to growth, amateur radio has been in decline.

The WRC and many nations have taken note of the need for this change and the United States should maintain a leadership role by adopting new rules for encouragement rather than a hard line that what was good enough in the past should endure. Little of today's standards are what they were one hundred years ago. Nations, economies, policies, even sports that are adaptable survive and those that aren't fade.

Sincerely,

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